

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention discloses a new gene, termed PSMA-like, that is very similar to the prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) gene and cross-reacts with current detection methods for PSMA. The present invention also provides for a method of distinguishing the PSMA and PSMA-like mRNAs and/or proteins for diagnostic and therapeutic strategies that desire specific targeting of either the PSMA or PSMA-like gene.

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